



Dunklin County Library

Celebrate Black History

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The Dunklin County Library celebrates Black History Month honoring the contributions of African Americans to United States history. Visit the Kennett headquarters to view the photo array and the book display.

First called Negro History Week, it originated with Carter G. Woodson in 1926. While earning his Masters degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Harvard, both in history, Woodson witnessed the underrepresentation of black people in books and conversations that shaped American history. So, in 1915, he and Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASALH). The organization would promote studying black history and celebrated the accomplishments of African Americans.

Woodson chose the second week in February, as it encompassed both Frederick Douglass' birthday on February 14 and Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12. Woodson and ASALH wanted to bring attention to their mission and help school systems focus on the topic.



This month-long focus highlights Miles Davis, Wilma Rudolph, Harriet Tubman, Colin Powell, Langston Hughes and many others who are notable in their chosen career.

The celebrations spread quickly driving the demand for teaching materials and the formation of black history clubs. A new understanding of black culture and literature spread everywhere. In the 1970s, colleges and universities across the country transformed the week into a Black History Month on campus.

President Ford decreed Black History Month a national observance in 1976. "In celebrating Black History Month," Ford said in his

message, "we can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Presidents have issued national decrees with each year's theme since the 1970s. This 2017 theme is "The Crisis in Black Education".

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Conn Hamlett Book Signing

On Saturday, February 18, from 9 am to 11 am, local favorite western author, Conn Hamlett, will hold a book signing at the Dunklin County Library in Kennett.

Hamlett's new release in the John Lee Johnson series is "John Lee Johnson Will Hurt You Bad—Real Bad." Hardcover and paperback copies of the book will be available. Hamlett will also autograph books.

Hamlett, a Kennett native, continues the story

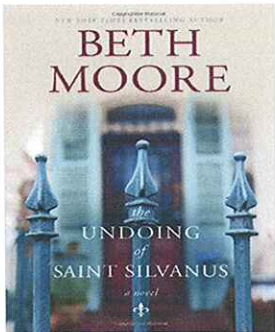
of former Brigadier General Frank McGrew and his pursuit of revenge on John Lee Johnson. With nuggets of humor and a thrill-ride of a story, the reader will have a difficult time putting this fifth Hamlett novel down.

Western readers will not be disappointed in this hero's big heart and integrity. The character details and compelling dialogue move the story along briskly and keep the reader focused.

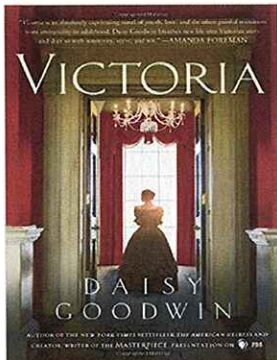
All five books can be checked out at the Dunklin County Library.



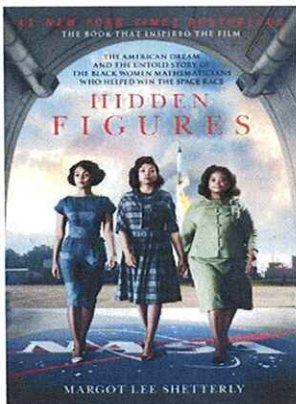
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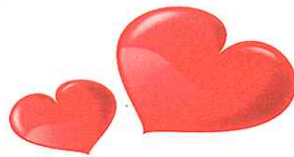
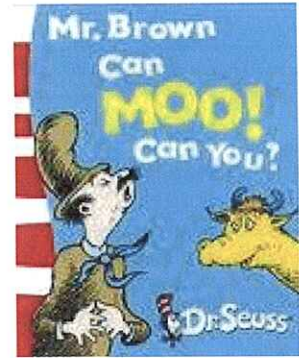


What is Read Across America?

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Throughout the month of February and early March, the Dunklin County Library will be handing out bookmarks celebrating Dr. Seuss and his reading pledge.

Tuesday, February 28, at 6 pm, Story Time will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with laughter, games, prizes, and treats. Filled with animal noises and repeatable sounds, "Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?" will engage the children for a fun-filled time!



Love Is In The Air

Ashlie Dobbins Photography is featured on the brick entry wall of the Dunklin County Library this month. Ashlie captures moments with her camera lens—a proud newborn, a shy bride, a laughing birthday child, or a frisky puppy.



Book Club Selects Historical Fiction

The February choice for the monthly book discussion is "Hidden Figures", the historical fiction account of the black female mathematicians at NASA who helped America make great achievements in space.

A well-researched book, Margot Lee Shetterly shines the light on these intelligent, determined women who made history during segregation.

Book Club meets on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm.

Civic & Community Organizations: Do You Need a Program?

The Dunklin County Library staff will engage your civic or community organization members with a program detailing the services offered throughout the county. Your members might learn something or win a prize! Please call the headquarters in Kennett at 888-3561 to arrange a date.

Special thanks to the Adelpian Club for inviting the Dunklin County Library staff to their monthly meeting in January. A great time of information and laughter!

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